

**ELECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.
THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE, TO
THE AGRICULTURAL BOARD AND TO
THE P. W. D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

PRESIDENT : The elections to the Public Accounts Committee, to the Standing Finance Committee to the Agricultural Board and to the P. W. D. Advisory Committee were conducted by the Deputy President and the following are the results:

Public Accounts Committee : Mr. M. G. Kesava Pillai got 39 votes and Mr. P. Narayana Pillai got 35 votes. These two honourable members are declared elected.

Standing Finance Committee : Mr. M. L. Janardana Pillai got 34 votes and Mr. Varkala K. Madhavan got 31 votes. These two honourable members are declared elected.

Board of Agriculture : Mr. T. Kochuthommen got 30 votes and he is declared elected.

P. W. D. Advisory Committee : Mr. M. L. D'Cruz got 29 votes, Mr. K. R. Narayanan 26 votes, Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai 24 votes and Mr. Kannanthodath Janardanan Nair 23 votes. All of these four honourable members are declared elected.

**THE TRAVANCORE KRISHNANVAGA MARUMAKKA-
THAYEE BILL.**

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : Under Section 112 of the Legislative Rules I move that the Travancore Krishnanvaga Marumakkathayee Bill be taken up for consideration.

MR. M. G. KESAVA PILLAI : I second it.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (Co-opted) : Sir, I support the Bill and wish to make the following few observations. Sir, the Marumakkathayam Section of the Krishnanvaga community is one of the minority communities of the State following the Marumakkathayam system of inheritance. I do not propose to discuss the principles of Marumakkathayam nor the evils that that system has spread upon the society. That the Marumakkathayam system is very antiquated and that it does not fit in with the present requirements of society are facts which are accepted beyond a doubt. And hence it is, Sir, that we find in all progressive communities a gradual conversion from the Marumakkathayam system to the Makkathayam.

Now, Sir, it is more than a decade since many of the major communities of the State who were for generations past, following the Marumakkathayam system of inheritance have got separate Regulations to govern their personal laws of marriage, inheritance, partition and the like. Sir, the customs and manners that are being observed by the Marumakkathayees of the Krishnanvaga community are practically the same as those prevalent among the Nairs and hence it is that the mover of the Bill thought it better to draw up a Bill on the lines of

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